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Soviet Agents in Canada

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau is at long last tightening up on Canadian passports — a major scandal behind the scenes in espionage and international violence. And he is receiving all-out cooperation from able, worried Frances Knight, chief of the U. S. Passport Office.

The Soviet penetration of the Canadian Foreign Office (external Affairs Department) has been in operation a long time. But a break from Johannesburg, South Africa, apparently woke up Trudeau.

Maj. Gen. H. J. Van Der Berg, South Africa's head of counterintelligence, secretly apprehended in Johannesburg a Soviet spymaster named Yuri Nikolaevich Loginov during a stopover there. He was trapped in a downtown restaurant while contracting a Soviet suspect who was being shadowed. Loginov carried a Canadian passport.

GENERAL VAN DER BERG determined that Loginov was en route to the United States to head an additional Western Hemisphere espionage network. Moreover, Loginov confessed that he planned to travel first to Ottawa to pick up additional Canadian passports.

He stated to General Van Der Berg that for years on end Soviet Agents in Ottawa had had access to the Canadian External Affairs Department's maximum security records, and could constantly replace genuine passport data with their forgeries.

Loginov revealed that one Yevgeny Mikhailovich, accredited to the Canadian government as a diplomat in the Russian Embassy was, in fact, a high-ranking Soviet KGB intelligence officer, and named him as the source of his Canadian passport. Loginov also stated that Mikhailovich likewise routed Castro espionage agents from Havana, via Canada, into the United States.

DRAWING IMPORTANTLY on FBI, CIA and Miss Knight's Passport Office records, Prime Minister Trudeau's review to the Canadian External Affairs Department is grimly impressive:

British traitor Harold A. R. (Kim) Philby, for years chief of British intelligence in Washington, tipped off British co-conspirators Donald Maclean and Guy Burgess in Washington. They fled together from Washington to London to Moscow.

Philby continued as a Soviet agent for 14 years — again and again using a Canadian passport. So did Burgess, who died in Moscow's Bodkin Hospital.

When Soviet code clerk Igor Gouzenko defected from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa he named Embassy "diplomat" Pyotr Pavlovich Melkishev as chief of the Soviet atomic espionage apparatus in Canada and the United States. Melkishev's passport was Canadian.

COL. RUDOLF ABEL, at his spy post in the U. S. for nine years when he was caught, had a Canadian passport.

Notorious Soviet spy "Gordon Londale," who stole our atomic submarine secrets out of the British Admiralty, traveled on a Canadian passport.

An East German intelligence officer named Guenther Maennel defected in Miami. Maennel confessed he had assigned Buenos Aires-born Communist Haidee Tamara Bunke to Ernesto (Che) Guevara's Bolivian insurrection mission at Moscow's orders, recruiting her at East Germany's Humboldt University. She was infiltrated into the office of the President of Bolivia.

MY FRIEND French Col. Pierre Thyraud Vosjoly, for 10 years chief liaison officer of the French secret service (SDECE) in Washington, exposed in his excellent book, "Lamina," the KGB agents in the form of French traitors had penetrated French Cabinet circles.

Vosjoly revealed to me and to Miss Knight's Passport Office that one source of his information was senior KGB officer Anatoli Dolnytsin and that Dolnytsin traveled on a Canadian passport. And now Maj. Gen. Vasily V. Mozzhuchkov, Deputy Chief of the KGB, is found to have repeatedly entered the United States on a Canadian passport.

Some weeks ago Mexico expelled Soviet Embassy Charge d'Affairs Dimitri Diakonov and four other Soviet "diplomats" in connection with brainwashing 19 young Mexicans that Diakonov sent first to Moscow's Patrice Lumumba University on a "cultural exchange," then had trained in Hanoi as guerrilla fighters and then brought back to Mexico City to supervise student riots at the University of Mexico and conduct urban bombings. Diakonov and all four other "diplomats" had alternate Canadian passports.

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Passport Pressure

Sometimes the American preoccupation with privacy takes some quirky turns.

That could be said now of the flurry over the fact that the Passport Office "flags" names furnished by the courts, the FBI, the CIA and the Secret Service. The purpose is that when one of the named individuals applied for a passport, the Passport Office notified the agency concerned.

The practice makes sense.

If it serves the cause of law enforcement officials to know when a certain individual wants to travel, the Passport Office certainly is the logical place to find out. All other arrangements easily could be kept secret—airplane or ship tickets, accommodations or reservations of any sort certainly would not be volunteered by the travel carriers or lodging places.

Passport Director Frances Knight reports that her office maintains no dossiers and does not undertake surveillance of any sort which could be considered to constitute any invasion of privacy or spying.

Summary: Critics of the "flagging" practice are stirring a tempest in a filing cabinet.

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Tear up the orange cards

The United States Passport Office should concern itself with passports, not the keeping of computerized files on persons who might cause the nation embarrassment or trouble. Acknowledgement of the files was made under pressure from Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) who did much recently to publicize Army snooping on civilians.

Among the categories of files in the Passport Office are ones for "individuals whose actions do not reflect to the credit of the United States abroad," known or suspected Communists and subversives, and a vague thing called

"orange-card."

As with the Army peeping, it seems here, too, that some bureaucrats can't resist games of intrigue. Ervin sees such snooping as a nuisance and a threat to basic freedoms. Although we see nothing sinister in the Passport Office files, we agree with him. The files are a waste of time and money and are egregiously presumptuous. Let the FBI, the CIA and similar offices do this work. It is reasonable for the Passport Office to supply the FBI with names of applicants. Other than that, the office should stick to passports.